

NEWP Interim Steering Group



Role

The Environment and Invasives Committee (EIC) has given in-principle endorsement of the National Established Weed Priorities (NEWP) Framework, following extensive public consultation over the last 18 months. Further broad support for the Framework was also obtained at a national peak body round table on 31 August 2022. Final approval of the NEWP Framework by EIC is pending the development of an approved implementation plan.

An interim steering group is being convened to provide strategic advice to Wild Matters Pty Ltd in drafting elements of the Framework's implementation plan. The existing EIC Weeds Working Group NEWP Taskgroup will be expanded to include additional non-government members from stakeholder sectors, to form the **NEWP Interim Steering Group (ISG)**.

The NEWP ISG is an advisory body and will peer review the following components of the implementation plan:

- WoNS/WINS nomination and assessment plan
- WoNS/WINS strategic plan guidance
- investment strategy
- national coordination and governance plan
- communication plan
- draft NEWAL strategy
- NEWP Steering Group terms of reference

Wild Matters will provide drafts of these components as agenda items for NEWP ISG meetings. It is envisaged there will be up to four, two hour online meetings held during October-December 2022, with reading required beforehand. Draft documents will be provided a week prior to a meeting. Please note these are not for public distribution.

NEWP ISG's review and discussion of these documents will include advice on their logic, feasibility, stakeholder appeal, preferences (where options are given), completeness and risks. NEWP ISG will also advise on any further stakeholder consultation required.

NEWP ISG membership

Existing members of the Weeds Working Group NEWP Taskgroup:

Hillary Cherry (co-chair)	NSW Government
Shalan Scholfield (co-chair)	Australian Government
Pete Turner	NSW Government
Lou Elliot	NT Government
Martin Hannah Jones	Qld Government
Karen Stewart	Tas Government
Nigel Ainsworth	Vic Government
Kellie Passeretto	WA Government
Ben Gooden	CSIRO

Additional members to be drawn from the following, noting there may be more than one member:

Agriculture, Forestry, Biodiversity conservation, Community organisations, First Nations representatives, Local government, Natural resources management, Research organisations

Nomination Process for new members

General expressions of interest (EoIs) are being sought. These may come from either individuals or organisations (nominating a person of their choice with respect to the member requirements).

Applicants should send a CV and briefly address the member requirements using the template provided below. EoIs are to be emailed to Wild Matters (weedpriorities@wildmatters.com.au) by 30 September 2022.

Note that no sitting fees will be paid.

Member requirements

Members of the NEWP ISG will be selected based on their skills, knowledge and/or experience in the following areas:

- program governance and implementation
- strategic weed management at the landscape level
- current/past involvement in one or more of the following sectors
 - government (Australian, State/Territory and Local)
 - community (First Nations, biodiversity conservation, natural resources management, community volunteer groups)
 - industry (agriculture, forestry, other industry)
 - science
- determining cross-sectoral priorities (at a national or state/territory level)

Participation in ISG meetings should be by the nominating member. For consistency, proxies will not be accepted.

All persons on the NEWP ISG will act in a respectful and constructive manner, acknowledging that others may have different viewpoints on particular matters.

Conflicts of interest

Members are not appointed as representatives of particular organisations and are expected to take a wider, national, sectoral and cross-sectoral view. Members are not to use information gained at meetings for the advantage of their organisation.

Any conflicts of interest will be declared at the commencement of a meeting.

Term

The NEWP ISG is time bound and ends when all sought strategic advice has been provided on relevant components of the draft NEWP Framework implementation plan.

The NEWP ISG is separate to the envisaged NEWP Steering Group, which will be formed when the Framework commences implementation. There is no automatic shift of members from the former to the latter.

Expression of Interest

Member of the NEWP Interim Steering Group (ISG)



<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>Email:</i>	
<i>Phone:</i>	
<i>Organisation:</i>	
<i>Acknowledgement of member requirements:</i>	I have read and understand the member role and requirements. <i>Please check box below</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes- I can meet the requirements of an ISG member

If you would like to provide further information to support your Eoi please complete the template below, providing no more than one page of detail.

<i>Experience in program governance and implementation:</i>	
<i>Experience in strategic weed management at the landscape level:</i>	
<i>Sector/s for which you can represent national perspectives/views:</i>	
<i>Experience in strategic planning and priority setting:</i>	

Please email with Curriculum Vitae to weedpriorities@wildmatters.com.au by 30 September 2022.